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HIGHLIGHTS

OKLAHOMA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS TO 7.6 PERCENT IN MARCH, DOWN FROM FEBRUARY'S REVISED 8.2 RATE.

SOME 117,300 OKLAHOMANS WERE JOBLESS IN MARCH, DOWN 8,100 FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND 38,100 BELOW A YEAR AGO.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ROSE TO 1,423,500, UP 13,300 ABOVE FEBRUARY'S REVISED ESTIMATE, SURPASSING THE YEAR-AGO LEVEL BY NEARLY 37,000.

MARCH NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT INCREASED 7,500 MONTHLY AND WAS 11,300 AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S TOTAL.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Total employment in Oklahoma, based on place-of-residence, reached 1,423,500 during March, or 13,300 greater than the month before. More significantly, this latest estimate surpassed the March 1983 total by 36,900 workers. This year-to-year gain reversed a loss of 31,800 between March 1982 and March 1983 and thus resumed the annual March-to-March upturn which has occurred since 1976.

Unemployment also improved in March, dropping to 117,300 or 8,100 fewer than February. Over the year, joblessness skidded 38,100 in contrast to the 94,600 increase between March 1982 and March 1983. These changes in employment and unemployment resulted in a drop in the percent of unemployed persons in the labor force. Specifically, 7.6 percent were out of work in March compared to 8.2 percent in February and 10.1 percent a year ago. By further comparison, Oklahoma's 7.6 percent rate of unemployment in March was less than the nationwide rate of 8.1 percent.

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OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Item	Number (In Thousands)			% Chg.	Absolute Change	
	Mar 1984p	Feb 1984r	Mar 1983r	Feb 84 Mar 84	Feb 84 Mar 84	Mar 83 Mar 84
Total Labor Force †	**1540.8**	**1535.6**	**1542.0**	**0.3**	**5.2**	**– 1.2**
Unemployment	117.3	125.4	155.4	– 6.5	– 8.1	– 38.1
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.2	10.1	––	––	––
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	––	––	––	––	––	––
Total Employment	1423.5	1410.2	1386.6	0.9	13.3	36.9
Agriculture	48.0	47.0	48.4	2.1	1.0	– 0.4
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	181.3	182.3	183.0	– 0.5	– 1.0	– 1.7
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	2.5	0.3	– 100.0	– 2.5	– 0.3
Wage and Salaried Workers, Total 1/	**1175.9**	**1168.4**	**1164.6**	**0.6**	**7.5**	**11.3**
Manufacturing	172.5	172.0	163.9	0.3	0.5	8.6
Durable Goods	109.4	109.4	102.4	0.0	0.0	7.0
Lumber & Wood Products	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.7	0.1	– 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11.0	10.8	10.8	1.9	0.2	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	4.3	4.5	4.1	– 4.4	– 0.2	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	16.5	16.6	17.6	– 0.6	– 0.1	– 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.4	9.5	10.3	– 1.1	– 0.1	– 0.9
Machinery Exc. Electrical	32.5	32.5	31.5	0.0	0.0	1.0
Oil Field Machinery	9.2	9.3	9.7	– 1.1	– 0.1	– 0.5
General Industrial Machinery	6.2	6.1	6.2	1.6	0.1	0.0
Electrical and Electronic Equip	15.1	15.0	12.2	0.7	0.1	2.9
Transportation Equipment	22.0	22.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	4.6
Aircraft & Parts	9.5	9.6	8.5	– 1.0	– 0.1	1.0
Instruments & Related Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	– 0.1
Nondurable Goods	63.1	62.6	61.5	0.8	0.5	1.6
Food & Kindred Products	14.7	14.8	14.5	– 0.7	– 0.1	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.9	9.7	9.1	2.1	0.2	0.8
Paper & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	– 0.1
Printing & Publishing	11.0	10.9	11.1	0.9	0.1	– 0.1
Newspapers & Periodicals	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	0.0	– 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	8.2	8.2	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Petroleum Refining	7.6	7.6	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	11.3	11.2	10.6	0.9	0.1	0.7
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.4	7.3	6.8	1.4	0.1	0.6
Mining	73.1	72.9	81.3	0.3	0.2	– 8.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	70.2	70.1	78.4	0.1	0.1	– 8.2
Construction	46.5	46.0	50.0	1.1	0.5	– 3.5
Transportation & Public Utilities Ex	66.5	66.3	67.2	0.3	0.2	– 0.7
Transportation	34.2	33.9	34.0	0.9	0.3	0.2
Railroad Transportation	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	17.8	17.6	17.7	1.1	0.2	0.1
Communications & Electric, GA	32.3	32.4	33.2	– 0.3	– 0.1	– 0.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	287.1	284.2	278.1	1.0	2.9	9.0
Wholesale Trade	74.0	73.3	70.6	1.0	0.7	3.4
Retail Trade	213.1	210.9	207.5	1.0	2.2	5.6
General Merchandise Stores	28.5	28.3	27.4	0.7	0.2	1.1
Food Stores	38.1	38.1	37.3	0.0	0.0	0.8
Automotive Dealers & Service Sta	25.6	25.4	25.1	0.8	0.2	0.5
Apparel & Accessory Stores	15.1	15.1	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.3	62.1	61.6	0.3	0.2	0.7
Banking	21.3	21.4	22.2	– 0.5	– 0.1	– 0.9
Insurance Carriers	9.3	9.3	9.4	0.0	0.0	– 0.1
Services	220.6	218.8	213.3	0.8	1.8	7.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	10.1	10.1	10.2	0.0	0.0	– 0.1
Personal Services	11.2	11.1	11.5	0.9	0.1	– 0.3
Health Services	69.4	69.2	69.4	0.3	0.2	0.0
Total Government	247.3	246.1	249.2	0.5	1.2	– 1.9
Federal Government	49.5	49.3	49.0	0.4	0.2	0.5
State & Local Government	197.8	196.8	200.2	0.5	1.0	– 2.4

† *Based on place-of-residence concept.*

1/ *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1983 benchmark levels. Estimates include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.*

NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS INCREASE

Nonfarm wage and salary employment, based on place-of-work, increased to 1,175,900 in March, up 7,500 over the previous month. In fact, all eight major industries recorded gains during this 30-day span. Wholesale-retail trade added 2,900 and therefore led the monthly upturn. Over three-fourths of this gain was in the retail sector. Service employment increased by 1,800, while the government division gained 1,200, concentrated in the state-local sector. The remaining five wage and salary industries posted smaller gains: manufacturing and construction, 500 each; and mining, finance-insurance-real estate and transportation-public utilities 200 each.

Comparisons with year-earlier figures indicated a gain of 11,300 for all wage and salary employment. Wholesale-retail trade paced the annual upturn with 9,000 additions. Almost two-thirds of this gain came in retail trade establishments. Manufacturing continued to rebound from its recessionary lows and rose to 172,500 in March, up 8,600 above the corresponding month in 1983. Services added 7,300 jobs since this period last year. Finally, finance-insurance-real estate joined the upside with 700 additional workers. In contrast to these increases, mining fell 8,200—all in the oil and gas extraction sector—continuing to reflect the energy industry slump extending over the past two years. Construction payrolls had 3,500 fewer workers as overall building activity slowed this March from its March 1983 pace. Government employment dropped by a net 1,900 jobs as a 500 increase in federal government was easily outweighed by a 2,400 decrease in local and state units. The transportation-public utilities industry division also experienced a decline over the year, showing a net loss of 700 workers, with a 900 job drop in the utilities sector which nullified a gain in transportation.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Manufacturing production workers in Oklahoma plants earned slightly higher weekly wages in March compared to the corresponding period in February. Specifically, weekly paychecks averaged $400.49, or $4.15 more. This resulted as hourly earnings reached $9.84, up 22 cents, while their workweek slipped to 40.7 from 41.2 in February. Those workers employed in durable goods producing plants received 19 cents more in hourly pay but had a shorter workweek which caused a drop of $11.34 in their weekly paychecks. Conversely, weekly earnings of soft goods production employees rose $30.65 as their workweek increased to 41.6 from 39.7 hours and their hourly wage rates averaged 33 cents more. The above figures are presented on the **Hours and Earnings Table** in this publication and reflect averages for hours and earnings based on some 124,700 production workers in manufacturing.

In addition to manufacturing production workers, hours and earnings of employees in five nonmanufacturing industries are also surveyed and shown on the above referenced table. During March, those employed in construction, oil and gas extraction and wholesale trade experienced lower weekly wages compared to February. In the oil and gas extraction industry a drop in hours worked caused a weekly pay loss as hourly earnings increased to $10.50, or 10 cents. This same pattern prevailed for construction workers. Meanwhile, wholesale trade employees experienced a drop of 42 cents in hourly pay, while working a slightly longer workweek. Finally, the remaining two industries—public utilities and retail trade—showed greater weekly pay in March.

Comparative figures for hours and earnings this March and the corresponding period in 1983 indicated a gain of $43.19 in the weekly paychecks of manufacturing production workers. On a relative basis, this represented a 12.1 percent increase in weekly earnings. Public utilities employees gained $39.95 or 9.6 percent over this 12 month period, while wholesale trade workers averaged only 1.1 percent greater weekly pay. Meanwhile, weekly paychecks for those employed in oil and gas extraction, construction and retail trade were below a year ago.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT IN OKLAHOMA

The number of persons drawing insured unemployment benefits in Oklahoma totaled 22,491 in the week ending March 24,1984. This figure compared to 23,572 in February. More significantly, this latest total was about one-half the number receiving insured benefits during the comparable period a year ago. Further evidence of the improvement in the Oklahoma labor market over the past year was seen as long-term joblessness continued to decrease and represented only 17 percent of the 22,491 insured unemployment total.

The Characteristics of Insured Unemployed Table is included in this publication. This table presents an analysis of insured joblessness classified by industry, occupation, age, race and sex; it is published on a quarterly basis during the calendar year.

STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

All but nine of Oklahoma's 77 counties and both of the state's two large metropolitan areas — Oklahoma City and Tulsa — showed improvement for March compared with the previous month.

Unemployment rates declined over the month in 68 counties a;nd the Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas. The percentage of jobless workers in the labor force incrased in only eight counties and remained the same as in February in one county. Both major metropolitan areas showed significant improvement, with 5.6 percent of the labor force unemployed in Oklahoma City in March compared to 6.1 in February. Tulsa's March jobless rate dropped to 8.5 from 8.9 percent during this period.

On an annual comparative basis the situation was even brighter throughout the state. Unemployment rates were down from March 1983 in all but two counties.

Despite the overall improvement, there still were 22 counties with double-digit unemployment rates. Percentages ranged upward from 10 to slightly more than 19 in one county.

Statewide unemployment in March was 7.6 percent compared with 8.2 percent in February and 10.1 percent in March 1983. By comparison, the national jobless rate for March was 8.1 of the civilian labor force, down from 8.4 percent in February and 10.8 percent a year ago.

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

MARCH 1984

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
UNITED STATES	102,770,000	9,057,000	111,827,000	8.1	8.4	10.8
OKLAHOMA	1,423,500	117,300	1,540,800	7.6	8.2	10.1
Oklahoma City MSA*	456,700	27,100	483,800	5.6	6.1	7.7
Tulsa MSA**	338,300	31,500	369,800	8.5	8.9	10.8
Lawton MSA***	37,150	2,400	39,550	6.1	5.9	7.1
Enid MSA****	30,125	2,100	32,225	6.5	6.2	9.1
Adair	7,290	710	8,000	8.9	10.1	14.3
Alfalfa	3,280	140	3,420	4.1	4.3	5.0
Atoka	3,990	610	4,600	13.3	14.1	14.8
Beaver	3,200	120	3,320	3.6	3.3	4.3
Beckham	9,860	1,350	11,210	12.0	13.1	17.1
Blaine	5,970	430	6,400	6.7	7.3	10.3
Bryan	13,180	1,360	14,540	9.4	9.8	11.8
Caddo	12,850	1,240	14,090	8.8	9.4	14.1
Canadian	30,900	1,550	32,450	4.8	5.1	7.0
Carter	20,375	1,675	22,050	7.6	8.7	10.7
Cherokee	13,360	1,410	14,770	9.5	10.8	10.7
Choctaw	5,300	930	6,230	14.9	15.4	18.2
Cimarron	1,530	70	1,600	4.4	5.3	4.5
Cleveland	72,900	4,275	77,175	5.5	5.8	6.6
Coal	1,860	440	2,300	19.1	20.8	22.6
Comanche	37,150	2,400	39,550	6.1	5.9	7.1
Cotton	2,490	170	2,660	6.4	6.6	5.9
Craig	7,100	520	7,620	6.8	7.9	9.5
Creek	28,975	2,825	31,800	8.9	9.4	12.8
Custer	14,810	1,090	15,900	6.9	7.6	9.6
Delaware	9,830	1,060	10,890	9.7	11.3	14.1
Dewey	3,210	280	3,490	8.0	8.3	9.8
Ellis	2,510	260	2,770	9.4	8.6	10.7
Garfield	30,125	2,100	32,225	6.5	6.2	9.1
Garvin	11,570	1,050	12,620	8.3	8.9	11.0
Grady	18,200	1,730	19,930	8.7	9.3	12.9
Grant	2,880	150	3,030	5.0	5.6	6.6
Greer	2,840	230	3,070	7.5	8.6	9.3
Harmon	1,690	120	1,810	6.6	8.2	7.2
Harper	1,710	150	1,860	8.1	8.7	9.7
Haskell	4,820	730	5,550	13.2	14.4	18.0
Hughes	4,890	930	5,820	16.0	17.0	22.0
Jackson	10,090	810	10,900	7.4	8.1	7.8
Jefferson	3,600	300	3,900	7.7	9.4	11.4
Johnston	3,740	340	4,080	8.3	9.3	12.2
Kay	24,575	2,025	26,600	7.6	8.0	9.4
Kingfisher	7,870	530	8,400	6.3	5.8	7.0
Kiowa	5,420	450	5,870	7.7	7.8	10.5

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

MARCH 1984

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
Latimer	2,990	530	3,520	15.1	17.1	19.4
LeFlore	16,550	1,580	18,130	8.7	9.7	11.9
Lincoln	9,610	1,100	10,710	10.3	11.2	14.3
Logan	10,160	1,010	11,170	9.0	10.0	11.0
Love	2,470	270	2,740	9.9	11.5	13.6
McClain	11,110	650	11,760	5.5	4.7	8.1
McCurtain	12,970	1,630	14,600	11.2	13.0	14.6
McIntosh	5,660	820	6,480	12.7	14.6	14.1
Major	3,830	230	4,060	5.7	6.3	8.8
Marshall	4,000	360	4,360	8.3	8.3	9.4
Mayes	15,830	2,030	17,860	11.4	11.9	12.2
Murray	5,140	510	5,650	9.0	11.0	12.2
Muskogee	27,600	3,250	30,850	10.5	11.7	12.0
Noble	4,880	360	5,240	6.9	7.2	8.4
Nowata	4,520	580	5,100	11.4	12.5	18.7
Okfuskee	3,790	500	4,290	11.7	12.5	14.8
Oklahoma	311,500	18,325	329,825	5.6	6.2	7.8
Okmulgee	12,700	1,925	14,625	13.2	14.7	16.2
Osage	19,300	1,175	20,475	5.7	6.3	7.6
Ottawa	12,775	1,425	14,200	10.0	11.6	13.4
Pawnee	6,030	800	6,830	11.7	11.9	17.0
Payne	31,250	1,600	32,850	4.9	5.1	7.1
Pittsburg	11,800	1,875	13,675	13.7	14.8	17.1
Pontotoc	15,180	1,070	16,250	6.6	7.0	9.4
Pottawatomie	30,250	2,300	32,550	7.1	7.7	8.9
Pushmataha	2,620	590	3,210	18.4	18.8	19.1
Roger Mills	2,880	280	3,160	8.9	9.2	11.4
Rogers	22,790	2,820	25,610	11.0	10.8	11.3
Seminole	10,980	1,240	12,220	10.1	10.1	14.2
Sequoyah	12,500	1,210	13,710	8.8	9.9	12.4
Stephens	19,330	1,760	21,090	8.3	9.0	10.8
Texas	7,900	380	8,280	4.6	4.9	5.4
Tillman	4,110	590	4,700	12.6	11.0	9.8
Tulsa	230,950	21,175	252,125	8.4	8.8	10.9
Wagoner	20,510	1,460	21,970	6.6	6.9	8.0
Washington	24,370	1,240	25,610	4.8	5.2	7.1
Washita	7,280	730	8,010	9.1	10.0	16.9
Woods	5,700	210	5,910	3.6	4.0	5.5
Woodward	13,770	1,160	14,930	7.8	8.1	11.8

Note: Data shown in this table are preliminary figures.
Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

* *Oklahoma City MSA includes Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties.*

** *Tulsa MSA includes Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties.*

*** *Lawton MSA includes Comanche County only.*

**** *Enid MSA includes Garfield County only.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
MARCH 1984

INDUSTRY GROUP	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar 1984p	Feb 1984r	Mar 1983r	Mar 1984p	Feb 1984r	Mar 1983r	Mar 1984p	Feb 1984r	Mar 1983r
Manufacturing	**$400.49**	**$396.34**	**$357.30**	**40.7**	**41.2**	**39.7**	**$ 9.84**	**$ 9.62**	**$ 9.00**
Durable Goods	**409.24**	**420.58**	**365.36**	**40.2**	**42.1**	**39.8**	**10.18**	**9.99**	**9.18**
Stone, Clay & Glass	411.10	419.68	403.24	41.4	43.0	41.4	9.93	9.76	9.74
Primary Metals	392.59	396.09	366.00	43.0	43.1	40.0	9.13	9.19	9.15
Fabricated Metals	369.36	365.20	344.82	40.5	40.0	38.7	9.12	9.13	8.91
Fabricated Structural Metals	379.54	381.06	355.11	41.8	41.6	39.5	9.08	9.16	8.99
Machinery, Except Electrical	334.13	375.78	333.83	36.2	41.8	39.6	9.23	8.99	8.43
Oil Field Machinery	417.08	415.38	373.58	42.3	43.0	40.3	9.86	9.66	9.27
Electric & Electronic Equipment	424.69	430.84	383.18	42.3	43.3	42.2	10.04	9.95	9.08
Transportation Equipment	560.19	552.96	450.04	42.6	43.2	39.1	13.15	12.80	11.51
Instruments & Related Products	417.78	432.86	355.12	42.5	43.2	37.9	9.83	10.02	9.37
Nondurable Goods	**384.38**	**353.73**	**345.79**	**41.6**	**39.7**	**39.7**	**9.24**	**8.91**	**8.71**
Food & Kindred Products	326.40	309.23	333.11	41.9	39.9	41.9	7.79	7.75	7.95
Apparel & Other Textiles	174.28	176.23	175.68	37.4	37.1	37.7	4.66	4.75	4.66
Paper & Allied Products	406.32	386.01	336.13	44.7	42.7	40.4	9.09	9.04	8.32
Printing & Publishing	386.78	373.51	350.27	40.5	39.4	39.4	9.55	9.48	8.89
Newspapers & Periodicals	418.82	398.11	356.90	40.9	39.3	38.5	10.24	10.13	9.27
Petroleum Refining	605.14	511.94	511.34	46.3	42.1	39.7	13.07	12.16	12.88
Nonmanufacturing									
Construction	428.54	431.30	432.40	37.2	37.9	36.8	11.52	11.38	11.75
Oil & Gas Extraction	433.65	448.24	440.96	41.3	43.1	42.4	10.50	10.40	10.40
Public Utilities	457.73	456.03	417.78	40.4	40.5	39.6	11.33	11.26	10.55
Wholesale Trade	348.79	362.60	345.06	39.5	39.2	40.5	8.83	9.25	8.52
Retail Trade*	207.04	200.00	225.59	32.3	32.0	34.6	6.41	6.25	6.52

Note: *Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 124,700 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1983 benchmark.*

Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**

*p-Preliminary; r-Revised. *Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA MARCH 1984 *

I. INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

INDUSTRY	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE†										
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian		
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**22,491**	**100.0**	**11,238**	**11,253**	**8,343**	**10,218**	**3,930**	**19,246**	**6,886**	**8,957**	**3,423**	**1,810**	**670**	**801**	**339**	**637**	**179**	**326**	**132**
Mining	**2,332**	**10.4**	**1,643**	**689**	**832**	**1,121**	**379**	**2,214**	**772**	**1,079**	**363**	**31**	**9**	**12**	**10**	**29**	**7**	**17**	**5**
Contract Construction	**4,537**	**20.2**	**3,092**	**1,445**	**1,360**	**2,383**	**794**	**4,024**	**1,186**	**2,117**	**722**	**259**	**44**	**169**	**46**	**123**	**26**	**77**	**20**
Manufacturing, Total	**4,699**	**20.9**	**2,454**	**2,245**	**1,866**	**2,193**	**641**	**3,910**	**1,500**	**1,868**	**542**	**414**	**185**	**173**	**56**	**154**	**43**	**83**	**28**
Food & Kindred Products	374	1.7	133	241	190	110	74	251	114	77	60	91	59	23	9	16	4	9	3
Apparel & Related Products	296	1.3	23	273	126	118	52	180	62	79	39	19	9	9	1	24	5	12	7
Lumber & Wood Products	103	.5	66	37	38	43	22	81	30	33	18	7	3	3	1	11	2	7	2
Printing & Publishing	93	.4	39	54	35	43	15	81	27	41	13	5	3	1	1	2	0	1	1
Refining	216	1.0	116	100	82	97	37	199	78	89	32	12	4	4	4	5	0	4	1
Stone, Clay & Glass	380	1.7	159	221	115	181	84	323	94	153	76	35	9	21	5	15	11	1	3
Primary Metal Products	328	1.5	211	117	100	185	43	300	91	172	37	22	6	10	6	2	0	2	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1,002	4.5	661	341	336	567	99	898	293	517	88	53	26	22	5	27	4	21	2
Machinery, except Electrical	304	1.4	184	120	209	80	15	275	190	71	14	10	3	6	1	3	1	2	0
Electrical Machinery	313	1.4	147	166	137	138	38	276	115	125	36	26	16	9	1	5	0	4	1
Transportation Equipment	432	1.9	283	149	196	210	26	363	169	172	22	44	18	24	2	12	2	8	2
All Other Manufacturing	856	3.8	432	426	301	421	136	683	227	339	107	90	29	41	20	32	14	12	6
Transportation & Public Utilities	**949**	**4.2**	**579**	**370**	**406**	**392**	**152**	**836**	**349**	**356**	**131**	**78**	**27**	**31**	**20**	**7**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**3,825**	**16.1**	**1,252**	**2,373**	**1,271**	**1,808**	**746**	**3,161**	**1,065**	**1,436**	**671**	**322**	**125**	**142**	**55**	**48**	**20**	**16**	**13**
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	**615**	**2.7**	**106**	**516**	**230**	**273**	**112**	**542**	**193**	**281**	**98**	**56**	**24**	**19**	**13**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Services	**4,264**	**19.0**	**1,370**	**2,894**	**1,565**	**1,810**	**889**	**3,450**	**1,232**	**1,508**	**710**	**509**	**192**	**207**	**110**	**180**	**54**	**83**	**43**
State Government	**257**	**1.1**	**77**	**180**	**83**	**117**	**57**	**189**	**59**	**88**	**42**	**48**	**17**	**18**	**13**	**15**	**3**	**10**	**2**
All Other	**1,213**	**5.4**	**666**	**547**	**712**	**321**	**180**	**921**	**522**	**255**	**144**	**93**	**47**	**30**	**16**	**76**	**21**	**36**	**20**

See footnotes at end of table.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA MARCH 1984 *

II. MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE†											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**22,491**	**100.0**	**11,238**	**11,253**	**8,343**	**10,218**	**3,930**	**19,246**	**6,866**	**8,957**	**3,423**	**1,810**	**670**	**801**	**339**	**637**	**179**	**326**	**132**
Professional, Technical & Managerial	2,722	12.1	1,244	1,478	1,048	1,283	391	2,439	896	1,189	354	135	61	49	25	73	24	39	10
Clerical	3,607	16.0	378	3,229	1,320	1,524	763	3,199	1,107	1,402	690	261	114	90	57	62	17	30	15
Sales	898	4.0	398	500	303	435	160	828	270	412	146	42	14	18	10	14	8	3	3
Service	2,222	9.9	612	1,610	853	891	478	1,641	613	652	376	431	147	199	85	71	33	26	12
Farming, Fishery, Forestry & Related	232	1.0	128	104	77	89	66	178	57	70	51	15	4	6	5	24	3	12	9
Processing	570	2.5	294	276	193	250	127	471	150	212	109	58	16	31	11	25	15	6	4
Machine Trades	1,475	6.6	1,030	445	540	719	216	1,286	467	623	196	87	36	41	10	44	12	26	6
Bench Work	1,096	4.9	391	705	400	510	186	821	269	408	144	106	50	39	17	56	10	33	13
Structural Work	5,454	24.2	3,923	1,531	1,842	2,744	868	4,814	1,616	2,426	772	335	88	190	57	175	35	104	36
Miscellaneous	4,215	18.8	2,840	1,375	1,767	1,773	675	3,569	1,421	1,563	585	340	140	138	62	94	22	47	24

III. AGE AND SEX BY DURATION AND RACE

AGE AND SEX	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					DURATION BY RACE†										
			Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**22,491**	**100.0**	**8,343**	**10,218**	**3,930**	**19,246**	**6,866**	**8,957**	**3,423**	**1,810**	**670**	**801**	**339**	**637**	**179**	**326**	**132**
Under 22	1,273	5.7	465	592	216	1,128	395	541	192	74	24	33	17	27	11	11	5
22-24	2,527	11.2	909	1,173	445	2,170	755	1,031	384	228	88	95	45	69	24	35	10
25-34	8,244	36.7	3,100	3,722	1,422	6,944	2,521	3,221	1,202	799	302	336	161	213	61	104	48
35-44	5,003	22.2	1,867	2,302	834	4,302	1,553	2,010	739	373	152	169	52	170	47	90	33
45-54	3,121	13.9	1,195	1,409	517	2,677	968	1,223	486	224	68	122	34	84	20	51	13
55 and over	2,323	10.3	807	1,020	496	2,025	654	931	440	112	36	46	30	74	16	35	23
Male-Total	**11,238**	**50.0**	**5,108**	**5,352**	**778**	**9,758**	**4,343**	**4,720**	**695**	**806**	**344**	**403**	**58**	**291**	**96**	**172**	**23**
Under 22	643	2.9	277	314	52	575	233	292	50	32	16	14	2	16	8	8	0
22-24	1,319	5.9	577	641	101	1,147	492	567	88	103	45	49	9	44	18	22	4
25-34	4,271	19.0	1,972	1,998	301	3,679	1,661	1,753	265	331	149	153	29	94	29	58	7
35-44	2,450	10.9	1,123	1,176	151	2,141	975	1,032	134	166	66	94	8	71	25	39	7
45-54	1,524	6.8	715	703	106	1,304	599	610	95	114	43	64	7	39	10	25	4
55 and over	1,031	4.6	444	520	67	912	383	466	63	57	25	29	3	27	6	20	1
Female-Total	**11,253**	**50.0**	**3,235**	**4,866**	**3,152**	**9,488**	**2,523**	**4,237**	**2,728**	**1,006**	**326**	**398**	**281**	**346**	**83**	**154**	**109**
Under 22	630	2.8	188	278	164	553	162	249	142	42	8	19	15	11	3	3	5
22-24	1,208	5.4	332	532	344	1,023	263	464	296	125	43	46	36	25	6	13	6
25-34	3,973	17.7	1,128	1,724	1,121	3,265	860	1,468	937	468	153	183	132	119	32	46	41
35-44	2,553	11.4	744	1,126	683	2,161	578	978	605	205	86	75	44	99	22	51	26
45-54	1,597	7.1	480	706	411	1,373	389	613	371	110	25	58	27	45	10	26	9
55 and over	1,292	5.7	363	500	429	1,113	271	465	377	55	11	17	27	47	10	15	22

* *Based on data for week of March 18-24, 1984.*

† *Figures for White, Black and Indian will not add to totals due to other non-white and persons for which information was not available.*

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1967 = 100

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS				URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS			
ANNUAL AVERAGES AND CHANGES 1980 - 1983*								
Year	Index		Percent Change From Previous Year		Index		Percent Change From Previous Year	
1980	246.8		13.5		247.0		13.5	
1981	272.4		10.4		272.3		10.2	
1982	289.1		6.1		288.6		6.0	
1983	298.4		3.2		297.4		3.0	
MONTH AND YEAR-AGO CHANGES								
Year	Mar Index	Feb Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago	Mar Index	Feb Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago
1984	307.3	306.6	.2	4.7	303.3	303.3	*	3.5

* *Change less than one-tenth of one percent.*

COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

United States and Oklahoma

1981 - 1984

MONTH	1981				1982				1983				1984				MONTH
	RATES				RATES				RATES				RATES				
	Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		
	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	
Jan.	8.2	4.4	7.5	4.0	9.4	4.4	8.6	4.0	11.4	9.1	10.4	9.1	8.6	8.6	8.0	7.9	Jan.
Feb.	8.0	4.0	7.4	3.8	9.6	4.3	8.8	4.0	11.3	10.1	10.4	8.9	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.8	Feb.
Mar.	7.7	3.6	7.3	3.7	9.5	4.1	9.0	4.2	10.8	10.1	10.3	8.8	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.7	Mar.
Apr.	7.0	3.4	7.2	3.5	9.2	4.3	9.3	4.4	10.0	9.8	10.2	8.3					Apr.
May	7.1	3.3	7.5	3.4	9.1	4.6	9.4	4.8	9.8	10.2	10.1	8.8					May
June	7.7	3.5	7.4	3.3	9.8	5.2	9.5	5.1	10.2	10.0	10.0	9.2					June
July	7.3	3.4	7.2	3.3	9.8	5.8	9.8	5.7	9.4	9.6	9.5	8.8					July
Aug.	7.2	3.1	7.4	3.3	9.6	5.8	9.9	6.1	9.0	9.0	9.5	8.3					Aug.
Sept.	7.3	3.3	7.6	3.5	9.7	6.5	10.2	6.9	8.8	8.3	9.2	7.9					Sept.
Oct.	7.5	3.6	8.0	3.7	9.9	7.2	10.5	7.4	8.4	7.9	8.8	8.2					Oct.
Nov.	7.9	3.8	8.3	3.8	10.4	7.9	10.7	7.9	8.1	7.6	8.4	8.0					Nov.
Dec.	8.3	3.8	8.6	3.8	10.5	8.4	10.8	8.5	8.0	7.1	8.2	7.1					Dec.
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7.6	3.6	—	—	9.7	5.7	—	—	9.6	9.0	—	—					ANNUAL AVERAGE

* *Based on percent of Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U.S. and Oklahoma are revised. U.S. unemployment rate based on percent of Civilian Labor Force.*

Note: The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1983 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.